

REMARKS

The applicant amends claims 74 and 78 and resubmits previously amended claim 83. The applicant respectfully submits that these claims are allowable over the cited art, and respectfully requests the Office's consideration of their allowance. Furthermore, claim 83 has been amended to overcome the objections from the Office and place it in condition for allowance.

Telephonic Interview

The applicant wishes to thank both examiner Hayes and Trammell for their willingness to host telephonic interviews and to address the questions and issues raised by the applicant. On May 12, 2004 Examiner Trammell hosted a telephonic interview with the applicant. During this interview, the applicant agreed to amend claims 74 and 78 as provided herein. Examiner Trammell stated that such an amendment avoids the cited art and agreed to have the claims reviewed.

Amendments

In the previous response, the applicant cancelled claims 75-77 and 79-82, resubmitted claim 74, and amended claims 78 and 83. In this supplemental amendment, the applicant amends claim 74 and further amends claim 78. The applicant respectfully submits that these amendments clearly distinguish the present invention over the cited art and that the claims, as currently submitted, are in condition for allowance.

The current amendments and this response are not an admission by the applicant that the previous issues raised by the Office are correct. In fact, the applicant takes a strong position with regards to the arguments that have been previously raised by the Office. However, in the interest furthering this case towards allowance on the present claims, this

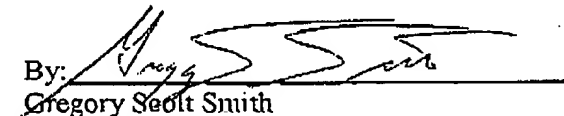
amendment is being submitted. The issues raised by the Office in prior Office Actions will be addressed as part of a continuation application.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests the Office to allow the currently pending claims 74, 78 and 83. The applicant submits that these claims are allowable and that all of the Office's reasons for rejection have been overcome and that these claims can and should issue as a valid U.S. Patent.

The applicant respectfully requests the Office to call the applicant's attorney if there are any questions or amendments that can be handled through an examiner's amendment. There are no fees due for this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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